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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on November 2, 2021 in the 7900 block of 3rd Avenue North.

The victim has been identified as Kenneth Wayne Austin Jr., (26), of Birmingham, Alabama.

At 3:28 p.m., officers from the East Precinct responded to a call of a person shot at the location. The Birmingham Police Department's 911 Communication Division also received a ShotSpotter alert of 12 rounds fired in the area. Officers arrived on scene and was informed the victim was wounded by gunfire and transported to UAB by private vehicle. Detectives were later notified by hospital staff the victim Kenneth Wayne Austin Jr. succumb to his injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggest the Kenneth Austin was standing next to a vehicle when unknown suspects fired multiple time striking Austin. The suspects fled the scene prior to officer's arrival. No arrest has been made in this investigation.

If there is anyone who has additional information to assist detectives, please contact the **B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764** or **Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777**. Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the **Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App** on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 89th murder investigation of 2021 with 12 justifiable death Investigations). The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

****The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed. ****

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